

Amendments to the Claims

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method for extending a subscribing community and providing user services using a Personal Address Book, said method comprising the steps of:

establishing a first Personal Address Book, said first Personal Address Book containing a plurality of entries, each of said entries having associated connection information and an associated user;

marking selected ones of said plurality of entries;

sending an invitation to said associated users of said entries marked in said marking step by utilizing said connection information in said entries marked in said marking step; and

receiving acceptances from the associated ~~user~~ users of selected ones of said entries marked in said marking step and, in response to receiving each of said acceptances, creating a second Personal Address Book for the user who provided the acceptance.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

receiving a voice message from a user, said voice message requesting a connection to a destination number;

determining the content of said voice message;

retrieving said connection information from said first Personal Address Book based upon said content of said voice message, wherein said connection information is sufficient to establish a communicative connection between said user and said destination number; and

making said connection between said user and said destination number using said connection information.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein said step of establishing said first Personal Address Book includes creating a new Personal Address Book.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of filling said entries of said first Personal Address Book with information.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of creating a linkage to a plurality of services, wherein said services include e-mail.

9-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A service node in a telecommunications network comprising:

access means for accessing a Personal Address Book, said Personal Address Book containing a plurality of callers;

selection means, coupled to said access means, for selecting callers in said Personal Address Book as invited callers;

contact means, coupled to said selection means, for contacting said invited callers and asking said ~~selected~~ invited callers to join a subscribing community;

reception means for receiving an answer from each of said invited callers; and

creation means, coupled to said reception means, for creating a plurality of second Personal Address Books in response to receiving said ~~answer~~ answers from said invited callers, wherein one second Personal Address Book is created respectively for each invited caller who provided an answer.

13-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program at a service node comprising:

first code for accessing a Personal Address Book, said Personal Address Book containing a plurality of callers;

second code for selecting callers in said Personal Address Book as invited callers;

third code for contacting said invited callers and asking said ~~selected~~ invited callers to join a subscribing community;

fourth code for receiving an answer from each of said invited callers; and

fifth code for creating a plurality of second Personal Address Books in response to receiving said ~~answer~~ answers from said invited callers, wherein one second Personal Address Book is created respectively for each invited caller who provided an answer.

16. (Cancelled)